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25, JERUSALEM 96, TELAVIV 179.

REPORT OF SECRET TALKS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES EGYPT ISRAEL  
MUFTI (AMMAN'S 404) SEEMS OF VERY DOUBTFUL RELIABILITY.  
RELATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT AND MUFTI ARE NOT THOUGHT  
TO BE CORDIAL SINCE NASSER CONSIDERS MUFTI AND HIS AGENTS  
IRRESPONSIBLE FANATICS, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS POSSESSING SOME  
INFLUENCE ON WEST BANK.

BRITISH EMBASSY (WHICH CHARACTERIZES REPORT AS "WILDLY  
IMPROBABLE") HAS HEARD THAT PLAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN DEvised  
SPLIT OFF WEST BANK IF JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT HAD ADHERED PACT  
BUT BELIEVE PLAN (IF IT DID EXIST) WAS DROPPED AS SOON AS  
MAJALI RESIGNED.

WE WOULD NOT THINK FORMATION WEST BANK STATE WOULD FORM PART  
OF GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT POLICY UNLESS GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT  
BELIEVED JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT ACTIVELY SEEKING ESTABLISH  
CLOSER TIES WITH IRAQ. GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT WOULD PREFER,  
WE THINK, MAINTENANCE STATUS QUO BELIEVING TREND IN JORDAN  
AS WHOLE IS IN DIRECTION INCREASED PALESTINIAN INFLUENCE  
OVER GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN.

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